

Chairman, Librarian:
Leo W. DuBry
758-5042

TI Report

by
Leo DuBry

I would like to ask you a question: "Do you realize what your computer is capable of doing"? Do you have to rely on other people's programs? Now, how would you like to become the master of your computer and not its slave?

Listen and take notice — The average computer comes with a book on BASIC programming and it is past time that you blow the dust off the book. First, open the book to Page One and start reading. Be sure and sit at your computer when doing this. Follow the directions and it won't be long before you can start telling the computer what to do.

Here is a little program for your training. Every one knows that the computer can add, subtract, multiply, and divide. You will have to change the program to fit your computer as mine is the old faithful TI99 4/a. This is a little program that you can easily convert to any computer. It will make you a good program to start with. If you have a child in one of the first three grades, he will use the program and think you are really something. The way a person learns programming is first by copying a program into his computer. This applies to any computer language that a person might be trying to learn. BASIC is not a poor language as it has vast capabilities. The one thing that really teaches you programming is the eliminating the mistakes that you type into the program. You will notice that there are four distinct parts of the program. Each one does one type of problem, and, if you are able to get one section working, the rest will be easy.

When I started with my computer years ago, I took a course in computer at Kilgore College. It was taught on IBM PC's. I took each one of the programs back to the studio and converted it over to the TI99 4/a. That was where I started to learn programming. That was before I had the expansion box, disk drives, and printer. I only had a cassette recorder for file storage, but it was a good place to learn. I have really enjoyed each addition that I have added to my system.

Here are some programs that were added to our library this past month. Member the SIMON game that was so much fun years ago? A person wrote a program in extended BASIC that does the same thing. Yes, it is a lot of fun and it was placed as shareware. The title, of course, is not the same. Next, there is another game of checkers and it also is a lot of fun. For those that have a TI99 with an expansion box and disk drives these are in the TI99 Library. They can be also placed on cassette.

These can be had by attending the SIG Meeting, which is now on the third Wednesday here at the studio.

-END



"Up to now, this new virus has attacked only computers."